



## **Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting December 11, 2006 Meeting Summary**

Attendees: Glenn Eades, Bertha Eades, Chris Thomas, Bob Berg, Dave Alm, Ernie Grillo, Corinna Bolender, Glen Rolfe

City Staff: Chester Knapp, Joel Pfundt

### **1. NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**

Dennis Aplan, Senior Engineer is the project manager on the NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project. This bridge will cross over SR 520 connecting NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side of the SR 520 and NE 31<sup>st</sup> on the east side of SR 520. This project is important to pedestrians and bicyclists because it provides an important new nonmotorized link across SR 520 between NE 40<sup>th</sup> St and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The bridge will also have 1 traffic lane in each direction and a center left turn lane. The highlights of Dennis's presentation and the discussion are as follows:

- SR 520 Trail will be grade separated from the new street.
- SR 520 Trail will have access from the trail to the street on both sides of the new street.
- Design team is looking at 4 alternatives, including one that include be a lid. The lid option has the opportunity to further improve nonmotorized access in the area by shortening crossing distances by including trails at each end of the lid.
- A nonmotorized bridge over SR 520 adjacent to the transit center is still a good idea even with NE 36<sup>th</sup> St Bridge.
- Construction will begin in 2008 and be completed in 2009.
- The construction will be a typical girder bridge, but the intent is to make it look nicer than a typical girder bridge.
- Getting enough clearance for SR 520 has been an issue and has been one of the drivers behind the design.

### **2. Puget Sound Energy Trail Extensions to Rose Hill**

Joel Pfundt presented the draft results from the preliminary engineering currently underway to assess different alignments for the extension of the PSE Trail to the Rose Hill Neighborhood. Five different connections were evaluated and the costs ranged from \$870,000 (stairway connection from current PSE terminus to NE 80<sup>th</sup> Ct) to \$2,900,000 (paved trail link between 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and NE 80<sup>th</sup> Ct). All of these concepts were

developed to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard for maximum slope. Based on the costs associated with trying to meet this standard and the fact that existing trail sections in the area already exceed the ADA standard the committee agreed with staff's recommendation to look at steeper grades on some new trail sections to reduce the number of switchbacks needed to make the proposed connections and to reduce costs. New grades would be developed per AASHTO standards. The committee once again expressed their support for looking at using a soft surface such as crushed limestone for the connection between 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and NE 80<sup>th</sup> Ct in order to reduce costs. Final results and recommendations will come back to the committee in early 2007.

The final presentation may be made at a joint public meeting with the Trails Commission.

### **3. Bicycle Program Update**

The committee endorsed using \$25,596 of future Bike Program dollars to provide matching funds for a \$164,000 grant the City received to do the design phase of a project to improve the PSE Trail between the Redmond-Woodinville Rd (SR 202) and the Sammamish River Trail.

The committee also endorsed using future Bike Program dollars, if necessary, to help fund bike lane striping on Bel-Red Rd between W Lake Sammamish Pkwy and 165<sup>th</sup> Pl NE and on NE 65<sup>th</sup> St between 176<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (Marymoor Park) and E Lake Sammamish Pkwy. During this conversation a couple of issues were raised:

- There is parking along NE 65<sup>th</sup> St and eliminating this could be an issue – Note: Since the meeting this issue has been reviewed and it looks like there is enough pavement width for 1 travel lane in each direction, 1 bike lane in each direction and parking on one side like it is today.
- NE 65<sup>th</sup> St bike lanes are a great link between Marymoor Park and the E Lake Sammamish Trail.
- There is a soft-surface trail parallel to NE 65<sup>th</sup> St between Marymoor Park and the E Lake Sammamish Trail. Is this a potential additional nonmotorized connection? – Note: Staff has discussed this trail with Parks and the link might be able to be paved to increase utilization. More research will be needed.
- It was suggested that there are minor improvements to the southwest corner of Bel-Red and NE 40<sup>th</sup> St that could enhance nonmotorized movement in the area.

### **4. Regional Bicycle Wayfinding**

Joel presented information from the last regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Puget Sound Regional Council in Seattle. One of the subjects at the meeting was the regional bicycle wayfinding work that the City of Seattle is doing as part of their bicycle master planning work. Comments from the committee included:

- Very interested in this work and encouraged City of Redmond staff to coordinate with City of Seattle and other agencies.
- Indicated support for what Seattle had done and preference to move forward with a signage project based this work rather than come up with something different.
- Did not like named routes and preferred the use of distance on wayfinding signs over travel time.
- Did think it would be important to somehow identify that you are in Redmond on the signs.

#### **5. East Lake Sammamish Trail at SR 520 and SR 202 Comment Letter to WSDOT**

The draft comment letter was reviewed and comments will be integrated into a letter, which will be signed by Arnie Tomac as the Chair of the Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

#### **6. Community Connections**

Staff will be preparing a draft staff report to Council regarding this subject. This will then be presented to the Committee and the Trails Commission for your review and comment. Once it has been finalized it will be sent on to the City Council.

#### **7. Other Business**

Ernie Grillo reported that there would be an East Lake Sammamish Trail Citizens Advisory Committee meeting at the Old Redmond School House Community Center at 6:30 on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

There was also some discussion about the operating hours for regional trails.